

Adler on Nijinsky: Preface suppressed

*His genius laced with madness, Vaslav Nijinsky bounded from the heights of dance stardom in 1917 to the depths of schizophrenic isolation. When the world couldn't meet his highest expectations, the Russian dancer began to doubt himself and covered his feelings of inferiority with a cloak of Messianic strivings. Or so writes psychoanalyst Alfred Adler in his preface to the artist's diary, *God Nijinsky*. First published in the July ARCHIVES OF GENERAL PSYCHIATRY, the preface was suppressed for more than 30 years because Romola Nijinsky rejected a less than glorious analysis of her husband.*



Nijinsky in Petrouchka, 1911/The Bettmann Archive.

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Sign me,

God Arledge

For me

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No deicide!

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GOD ARLEDGE (For me deicide would be suicide.)

*Teruy please note change
I think for more clarity in
this edition. S. 128.*

The time-motion study on Creation has reached the conclusion that God (altho good) just wasn't fast enough! His work, that according to these calculations , should have been completed in 6 days, actually took Him 4.5 billion years longer (according to more recent studies). The cost overrun has not yet been determined.

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I'm perfectly willing to accept male superiority
if I ever see ~~it~~ demonstrated.

Why did the lungfishes split? Who wouldn't get tired of
being wet all the time!

Manifesting essence ~~on film~~ ^{in art, or life} shatters patterns of thought:
displacing patterns of thought permits essence to manifest.

THE TWENTIES

Everyone who could speak above a whisper
was shouting "whoopy".

THE THIRTIES

Everyone who could speak above a whisper
was on a soap box.

THE FORTIES

Everyone who could speak above a whisper
was hoarse.

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THE FIFTIES

Everyone with a frog in the throat *was*
suspected.

THE SIXTIES

Everyone who could speak above a stage-whisper
did.

THE SEVENTIES

Everyone who couldn't speak above a stage-whisper
wrote.

THE EIGHTIES

Everyone who could speak above a whisper or write; knew
better and signed.

THE NINETIES

Everyone who couldn't speak above a whisper, write, or sign
survived.

"Darling, may I have your hand in marriage?"

"Yes, the back of it!"

Will Rogers said, "I never met a man I didn't like."

But the ^Nhe never met James Watt.

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O.K. So I'm chicken! Come ^{on} ₁ now, how about you?

If you had your druthers, wouldn't you rather molt than
lay eggs ?

Love does not leave tracks.

Look out the window.

The villagers at Oberammergau know how to pick 'um.

Would you,yourself, be willing to put up with the accomodations

God provided for X ?

MILLERS FALLS
E2E R A 2 E

I defy

you to

classify ~~me~~
ME!

If events ^{are} viewed to be
immoral/immortal,
but neither , nor to me,
why should I
classify ?

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